

Our receipts this month are small. Remember we are obligated to pay \$50.00 a month this year. We cannot do it unless the brethren give us the funds.

My brother, my sister, my friend, "give and it shall be given unto you."

Brother Blenus reports for October as follows: I have preached eight times in the North Street Christian Church during October. Once at Elmsdale and once at Rock Head prison. We have had two additions here by letter, one received a letter, and we have had one death during the month—our beloved and young brother Albert Veye. Bro. Harry Genders of this church has entered school at Kimberly Heights, Tenn., probably to prepare himself for the ministry. Our meetings all are well attended. Our young people's meetings and regular prayer-meetings are improving as the evenings become longer.

To the Churches of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, GREETING:

Dear Brethren,—The Annual Meeting at West Gore, by an unanimous vote, recommended that the apportionment system followed last year—in raising money for our home mission work—be continued; and that each church in the two provinces be asked for a definite sum, to be raised and remitted for our provincial home mission work during the current missionary year.

In harmony with this recommendation, the sums are herein specified which the several churches are requested to raise. *This is not a tax.* It is simply a suggestion by the executive board, based on the best knowledge it can command as to what would be a fair proportion for each church to raise. It is for each church individually to act on this suggestion and decide according to its ability. We trust the amounts suggested will meet the approbation of the several churches. *Will each Church inform the Secretary of the Home Mission Board if it accepts its apportionment.*

It was also recommended by the Annual Meeting that monthly collections be taken in the churches as a means of raising the apportionment; and that where this is not practicable, some one be appointed to solicit personal pledges for this purpose.

LET US REMEMBER that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." That "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." That "he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

The amount to be asked from each church is now submitted for their approval as follows: Pictou, Silver Falls, Keswick and Gulliver's Cove, \$5.00 each; Southville, Summerville, Rawdon, Shubenacadie, Kempt and Back Bay, \$10.00 each; South Range, and Newport, \$15.00 each; Letete, \$20.00; Portland, Halifax and Cornwallis, \$25.00 each; Leonardville, Tiverton and Westport, \$30.00 each; West Gore, \$40.00; Milton and Lord's Cove, \$60.00 each; St. John, \$150.00; total, \$565.00. Remit all offerings to

J. S. FLAGLOR, *Secretary*, St. John, N. B.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$124 47
Shubenacadie Meeting,	7 44
R. E. Stevens and G. Manifold,	4 56
St. John—Mission Band,	4 55
Gulliver's Cove—J. S. Hines, ..	2 00
Milton—per Miss M. G. Freeman,	3 00
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Foreign Missions.

Maritime C. W. B. M.

*Expect great things from God.
Attempt great things for God.*

DEAR SISTERS,—I have received a letter from Miss L. V. Rioch, secretary of the Ontario C. W. B. M., stating that her sister has been advised by two physicians to leave Tokio. The climate is enervating, and that combined with the school for girls and the other work, has been too much for her. She does not feel that she can give up the work unless some one else is sent to carry it on. You will all be very sorry to hear of this and I know you will pray most earnestly that she may be speedily restored to health. Our missionary is working under difficulties in a foreign country, and it has made me feel that we in the home land should renew our diligence. We are surrounded with comforts and our hearts should go out to those who carry the glad tidings to our less fortunate sisters.

"Thou wert not saved that thou
Shouldst tread the way of life alone,
But that the clear and shining light,
Which round thy pathway shone,
Shouldst lead some other weary soul
To my bright home of rest,
And thus in blessing those around,
Thou hadst thyself been blessed."

As individuals and societies let us begin this missionary year with the determination to do more and better work for the Master, not forgetting that "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR.

Tokio, July 1st, 1896.

To the ladies in conference of the Maritime Provinces:

DEAR SISTERS,—When these few words of greeting from across the sea reach you, you will be again assembled for your yearly conference. May it be to you all one of spiritual refreshment with the usual motto: "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God."

How I wish I could express to you, all that is in my heart for all you have done, by your loving, comforting, hopeful letters and prayers for me during the year that has passed. It has been a hard year. One in which little success and seemingly much failure has attended most earnest efforts; all because I have been unfortunate enough to have made an enemy, innocently enough, I can assure you. Yet the everlasting arms have been strong to uphold and there is much comfort in the thought, it is *ours* to labor, His to reap; and he will not let it return unto him void.

I have watched with much interest the growth of the work in the Maritime Provinces, and you must all feel gratified with the way in which your work has met with success.

The yearly mission meeting took place here in July. Mr. and Dr. Stevens, who have been in Akita since last September, met with us, filled with zeal and love for the work in the north, the station which was first opened up by our missionaries and where your Mrs. Smith gave her life that by any means some might give their hearts to Christ. Dr. Stevens pleaded with tears in her eyes that another lady missionary might be sent up to help her in the work among the women and children. It was suggested that I go. I

must say that for a long time I have wished to go and work some place in the country and I felt too that you would like me to go to Akita, yet I felt loath to leave my work here, and no person was willing to take it on or even a part of it. The mission at last determined to wait till September to decide. Miss Wirick comes back next month after her furlough. She will be requested to take charge of my work.

Mr. Grey was appointed to start and carry on an evangelists' training and industrial school. It was also decided that as soon as new workers came from America a work should be started in Osaka, the southern and most populous part of the empire.

The warm weather having set in one notices a decided decrease in the numbers at the meetings, but otherwise everything goes on as usual.

That which has been occupying the minds of all for the past few weeks is the destruction to life and property caused by the great wave due to an earthquake in the sea far off the coast of Tendai. At no time in the history of the country has such another been heard of. The deaths number nearly thirty thousand, the wounded numbering into the ten thousands and the number of houses destroyed or washed away far exceeding that. The nation rose as one man to offer help and sympathy to their unfortunate brethren. Thousands of dollars were raised with little or no effort, the only question being, to whom shall we send it. The little children in the poor school on Matsagawa Cho raised seventy-four cents out of their poverty; and many more such instances could be given so truly do they love their own countrymen. The Red Cross Society, of which the empress is the president, has taken charge of the wounded and out of the confusion among the half dazed sufferers and bereaved ones order reigns and all that human care and skill can do is being done. Whole volumes could be written about the narrow escapes and the heroic acts of many during the few moments that the destroying angel swept over the land. Out of the many killed only one missionary, a Catholic, has been reported as having lost his life.

You have already seen my yearly report, sent in time for the Ontario Sisters Conference, so I need not touch on it again.

My Bible woman has had to give up teaching in the day-school on account of sickness and is away under the doctor's care. Another competent teacher has taken her place in the meantime.

Dear sisters, may I again ask you for your earnest prayers that I may be strengthened for my work during the coming year; to still continue your loving messages from time to time that our hearts may be truly knit together in bonds of Christian love in carrying on our Master's work.

Lovingly,

MARY M. RIOCH.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$70 02
St. John, Woman's Aid,	3 30
" Sunday-school,	3 58
Total,	<hr/> \$77 50

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$2 38
West Gore, Golden Rule Band, ..	2 00
Halifax, Junior Endeavor,	91
	<hr/> \$5 29

SUSIE B. FORD, *Treasurer.*

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